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Building Your Emergency Kit and Plan
September is Preparedness Month in Wisconsin

(MADISON) – None of us know exactly when a disaster will strike. But there are many simple, inexpensive ways you can build an emergency kit and plan for you and your family.

Gov. Scott Walker declared September as Preparedness Month to encourage people across the state to take time now to prepare before disaster strikes.

"A simple conversation around the dinner table can be the first step in developing a plan with your family," said Maj. Gen. Don Dunbar, Wisconsin's Adjutant General and Homeland Security Advisor. "Talking through the basics can help you get organized and on the road to readiness."

What you can do now to help later:

- Put together an emergency kit focusing on specific needs in your household such as prescription medications, pet needs, and items for your children.
- Keep an emergency kit in your car especially during the winter months when you could become stranded in a storm.
- Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that could be used in any crisis.
- Review existing insurance policies.
- Save copies of important documents such as birth certificates, social security cards, and tax statements in a safety deposit box or secure digital storage.

Each week this September, ReadyWisconsin will highlight easy and inexpensive ways for you and your family to prepare for emergency situations. You can visit http://readywisconsin.wi.gov for more information. You can also follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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